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**Glassman Administration Plans Cost-Saving Consolidation at Department of Emergency Services Building**

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (March 24, 2015) - The Harford County Office of Information and Communication Technology will relocate in the next few weeks from Main St. in Bel Air to available space in the county's new Department of Emergency Services building in Forest Hill. The move will more fully utilize space in the Ady Road facility built under the prior county administration and opened in November 2014. The consolidation will ultimately reduce the county's annual lease payments by approximately \$46,000.

"As my administration looks for better ways of doing business, this consolidation made sense from both an operational and financial standpoint," said County Executive Barry Glassman. "I want to thank our county employees for their cooperation as we continue to streamline operations for greater efficiency and cost savings."

Relocating the Office of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to the building at 2220 Ady Road will consolidate ICT operations at the secure facility, which already houses the county's data center including servers and networking equipment. In the event of a power failure, back-up generators in place at the new facility will enhance continuity of operations for ICT and other government functions. The move will also improve critical access to ICT support

for the Department of Emergency Services, eliminating travel time between the two locations for ICT employees.

By late March or early April, a total of 23 ICT employees will make the move, leaving their offices at 45 S. Main St. in Bel Air. The Bel Air building, which is owned by the county, also serves as headquarters for the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

In cooperation with the Glassman administration, Sheriff Jeffrey R. Gahler plans to move the Megan's Law Unit from 110 S. Main St. in Bel Air to his 45 S. Main St. headquarters. Because the county funds lease payments for space used by the Sheriff's Office, the consolidation will result in annual cost savings of \$45,924 for the county.